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## A COUNTRY COUSIN

By Josephine Daskam Bacon

## READ THIS FIRST

Sadie, a country girl, came to visit her rich relatives in the city. She arrived in grown-up clothes thinking herself a young lady and expecting to be treated as such. Instead she found Ethel a cousin of her own age still going to school and eating in the nursery.

Her first day was a great disappointment but she went to bed hoping for better things the next day. She didn't go to sleep immediately and becoming thirsty went for a drink when she heard voices.

## Part II

"OH, of course, get them all new. Felise assures me they are equally impossible. I had thought she might simplify two or three and they would do for school dresses, but Felise says they are so cut up and embroidered and twisted into imitations of styles years too old for her that it is out of the question.

"She is very, very pretty, Harriet."

"Is she? I was disappointed, I must say. She looked like a waitress, I thought."

"Oh, no, dear. When I get her hair down smooth, and those dreadful cheap corsets and boots off, and when she's had a quarter's fencing and learns not to strut when she walks and to keep her hands and feet still—"

"You angel. I believe you love to do it!"

"Why, of course I do. She'll make a fine woman, I think, Hatty. It was pretty hard for her, a great deal of what she met with—she's utterly undisciplined, you see, not a bit of manner—and she took it very well for a high-spirited girl. Do you know, she reminds me very much of Mother Hoyt? She's not a bit like her father or her mother."

"I didn't see it, myself. Mother Hoyt was a beauty and belle, too. But then, as you say, when she's dressed and gets a little more possible manner, we'll be able to tell better. How is Dicky? I thought he seemed a little feverish."

They passed on down the quiet hall and a door closed softly—the door of Dick's room. Sarah sat dumb and humiliated on the cool tiled floor and wept tears of shame and anger.

Stay in this house? Stay to be insulted and criticised and patronized? Never! She would take the first train back. Harriet might return

when she liked to this cold supercilious household—these unfeeling society women!

But stop—she seemed to hear again Dicky's loving shout: "Gut nacht, Mutterchen!" She saw again Ethel's glowing face as she laughed with her mother; she heard the question, "I thought he seemed a little feverish?" and admitted to herself that this woman was not a cold, thoughtless mother.

And then she remembered Aunt Harriet's advice about buying very few clothes: such opportunities were so much greater here. She recalled her mother's sensible suggestion: "Get plain things, Sadie, and then Aunt Harriet can add to them if she wants. If you fuss them up so, she can't change them," and her scornful repudiation of the suggestion. Her quick eye had taught her in this short time that, simple as Ethel's

clothes were, they were perfectly made from fine materials and hung with grace that no amount of careful imitation in cheap fabric could even faintly approximate.

"When she's dressed and gets a little more possible manner!" She, Sadie, the fine-mannered member of the family! Why, she had always been teased about it!

"To keep her hands and feet still!" She had always twisted her fingers. What harm did it do? She couldn't study without that.

She lay at full length of the shining floor, only a dim night-light burning above her head, and cried as she had never cried before. How the boys would marvel at her humiliation—how little they had guessed how much she had to learn! And she said so conceitedly to herself that Harriet really belonged in the coun-

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"Why, you pretty, pretty thing," she cried.



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## NOVEMBER AND THANKS- GIVING

November—and Thanksgiving—and GIRL SCOUT WEEK still seems pretty far off to you, probably. But when you look at the little notice in the center of this page and realize that November is going to be the biggest month of all the year for Girl Scouts everywhere in the United States you will also realize, if you are a wise Scout (and all Scouts are wise, of course), that it's nary a moment too soon to begin talking about "what our town is going to do during GIRL SCOUT WEEK."

First of all, you want to discover what your quota for the drive is to be, in other words, the amount your town ought to raise to make GIRL SCOUT WEEK a success. Do you know, it has been figured out that if every Scout's family—mother, father, sister or brother—secured \$15.00 we would have the whole vast sum in no time at all. That doesn't seem very hard, does it? And it isn't if you DO YOUR SHARE! How many Scouts are there in your town? Now, multiply that number by \$15.00 and you

have the sum that you are going to send in to National Headquarters at the conclusion of the "Drive."

It should not be hard to do this. The main thing is to make plans early enough. Don't wait until the day, the week, or even the month before the drive to start work and then wonder why everything seemed so "rushed." Start now, and if you want suggestions just sit right down and write to National Headquarters!

*The following letter has just been received from Miss Ellen Mary Casat of Philadelphia, who has been in London attending the Girl Guide Conference and who represented America there.*

"I have just come back from the Girl Guide Conference at Oxford. It was most thrilling and inspiring. The foreign reports were particularly interesting. I can remember fifteen different countries' reports and know there were more. So far, next to England, we have the greatest number and best organization, I think. The Dutch seemed very solid, however, and full of good ideas and the Rus-

## COMING!

Girl Scout Week  
November is the month  
\$1,033,400 is the Goal  
Everything depends  
on You  
STAND BY!

sians and Poles had, of course, the most exciting things to tell.

"The wonderful thing was the really 'Scouting' spirit of all. It is splendid, isn't it, to think of having put that idea 'across' in all those countries. Of course the Latins have a pretty hard time getting started, as their way of bringing up girls is so different. The Portuguese got around that, I believe, by having all the mothers come to the meetings."

"There was a Rally on Saturday of the Oxfordshire Companies and about eight hundred turned out. Their officers are smarter than ours, but I like our color for uniforms best. Their insignia is much clearer than ours."

"The Guides themselves were very much the same. The setting was too lovely. A big green field (you never saw such turf) back of Worcester College surrounded by huge trees with the towers and spires of the colleges in the distance."

## A LETTER FROM THE CHIEF GUIDE

"DEAR MRS. RIPPIN:

I know that you like to put little bits of information into your Girl Scout paper, and I thought that possibly the following extract from a letter that I have just received might amuse you.

The letter was from the Commandant of our South of England Training School who had been holding a Training Camp for Guiders (officers) during a week when it rained practically ceaselessly the whole time. It has been the worst July that we have had in England for years.

She said: 'Two nice Guiders from America were with us also, and if you see Miss Edgar please tell her what we think of the grit of the American Guiders. One of them lay on her front in inches of mud blowing up the fire, did good turns all around, help to build and rebuild the camp ovens and cooking places, and in the end stayed on to finish up all the dirtiest work of tidying up the camp ground in the pouring rain after most of the others had had to leave.'

She also adds that 'Miss Iggnatchevitch from Serbia (who is a Guide there and is here learning more about the work) came, too, and was perfectly marvelous, keeping herself and her tent tidy and neat throughout in spite of the torrents of rain, and helping the camp, too, with most ingenious devices.'

'Whilst Mrs. Savage Bailey, Girl Guide District Commissioner from Malaya, was always cheery and helpful and taught us how to rig up shelters and huts most splendidly.'

'In fact, though the weather was so dreadful it was a ripping jolly camp and none of us would have missed a minute of it for anything.'

(Signed) JANE BADEN-POWELL,  
Chief Guide."

## PRIZES AWARDED

It has been decided to award the Second and Third Prizes for the Photographic Contest as announced in the May issue of THE RALLY. The Second Prize, a large electric torch, was presented to Miss Gertrude Ulrich, formerly of Gainesville, Texas, now living in Pueblo, Colo. The Third Prize, a complete First Aid Kit, to Miss Elizabeth Robinson, South Kingstown, R. I. The First Prize of a Large Camp Grill with aluminum pot with lid was awarded to Captain Irene Shlivek, of New York City, some time last month.



# Scouting for Mothers

## IT'S UP TO YOU, MOTHERS To Help Your Scout Daughters Win Their Merit Badges

"Mother, may I mind the baby this afternoon—and may I get supper tomorrow night—and oh may I please wash the dishes all the rest of this week?"

Would requests like this startle you past all belief—especially if they came from your young daughter who up to this time had shown very little interest in either baby-tending or meal-preparing and no interest at all in dishwashing?



Housekeeping Badge.

Of course they would if you were an average mother with an average daughter. But if your daughter was a scout and you were something of a scout yourself, you would understand that housework and baby care are a very important part of the scout program, and that in making these requests your daughter was trying to qualify for honors. No Girl Scout can win that highest of Girl Scout awards "The Golden Eaglet" unless she is pretty well informed in these subjects. Nor do the girls take up these tasks grudgingly. Quite the contrary: cooking, washing, sewing and baby care have a very real charm for Girl Scouts since they lead to awards in the form of Merit Badges. The Laundry Badge is one of the most popular with scouts and Housekeeper, Child Care, and Cook Badges are not far behind.

This news cannot fail to delight the hearts of all mothers. Where is the mother who will not warmly encourage her daughter in these house-

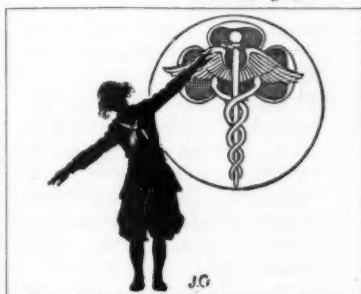
wifely undertakings? This encouragement is a great help, too, but there is something even more valuable that scout mothers can supply—that is, plenty of *opportunity* for the performance of these tasks!

This can be done by the scout mother far better than the scout captain. It is true that Girl Scout captains can and do accomplish quite a remarkable number of things. But it is not always easy for them to supply beds to make, meals to cook, dishes to wash and babies to dress and care for. All of these activities can best be performed in the home. Furthermore, the mother who co-operates with the scout captain in this part of the program will be exceedingly well rewarded, by acquiring a daughter well equipped in all branches of housekeeping!

### MOTHERS FORM A TROOP

Soho Community House is making Girl Scout history in starting a troop of Girl Scout mothers! It is the first of its kind in America and plans to rival any troop of daughters. The troop will combine civic activities with the regular Girl Scout program. Its leader is Miss Jane Fulton. A troop of Junior Scouts from 10 to 12 years old has also been organized at the community under the leadership of Miss Edna Velte. There are now four active Girl Scout troops at Soho.

Pittsburgh, Pa.



Health Winner

Any mother especially anxious to help her daughter win the "Cooking Badge" will be interested to hear of "The Junior Cook" by Clara Ingram Judson.

All the recipes in this book have been successfully followed by children of twelve or under without any other direction. Nothing is taken for granted and the recipes are written in the simplest possible manner.

Recipes covering the following foods may be found: Meats and Dishes that have food Value of Meat; Vegetables; Breads, Muffins, Wafers and Cookies; Salads and Salad Dressings; Desserts; Sandwiches; Jams and Conserves; Good Things to Drink; Breakfast Food and Confections.



Laundry Badge.

Many a mother will doubtless find this book of value also as a few simple menus are found on the last pages. The recipe below is given in order that you may see how very easy these recipes are to follow.

#### FRESH TOMATOES ON TOAST

Make four pieces of toast.

Slice a large tomato into 4 even slices Lay 1 piece in the center of each piece of toast.

Put  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoonful butter, 1 salt-spoonful salt and 1 dash of pepper on each slice of tomato.

Put in a shallow pan and set in a moderately hot oven for five minutes so that the tomatoes will get hot.

Serve at once.

This is a very delicious dish for a summer breakfast or luncheon.

A bit of cheese grated onto the tomato is liked by some and adds to the food value of the dish.

This book may be obtained from your bookstore or from the publishers Barse and Hopkins, 28 West 23 Street, New York City, for \$1.25.



## THE SCOUT SCRAP BOOK



### A SUMMER'S EXPERIENCE

Twenty-one Girl Scouts  
Would a-camping go;  
Twenty-one Girl Scouts  
Who could swim and row.

So the date was settled,  
Scouts came at the call,  
Climbed into the wagon,  
Waved farewell to all.

Soon camp was tested,  
All found it pays,  
Happy were the Girl Scouts  
Who camped for seven days!

J. M. MARGERUM,  
Troop 1, Morrisville, Pa.

### A SUMMER EXPERIENCE

A summer experience? I'll say it was with a vengeance!

One very wet morning, scorning all prophecies of further wet weather, Troop 9 of Richmond Hill, Queens, started on an overnight hike.

We stopped at Lake Success for lunch and in the middle of the afternoon we reached Great Neck, where Troop 1 met us.

According to the Pine Tree Patrol system the Seniors went on to get camp ready while the Juniors bought food.

As soon as we were all on the site we went swimming. Then the "Water Scout" got supper. Sad to relate, before we had finished it began to thunder.

"Oh," one optimistic person remarked, "it never rains when it thunders." No? But it did!

We climbed up a hill, fell in briars, scrambled our neatly arranged possessions into blankets and started for shelter. Of course we didn't get there in time and were drenched. We lay down and tried to sleep on the sand under the boat house where we had taken refuge. We weren't very successful because of the sand fleas and the Troop Nurse. This person had scraped her eye on the "ocean's bed" while turning a somersault in the water and couldn't open it. Suddenly, just as everyone was almost asleep, she gave a jump and a groan.

"What's the matter?" came eight voices. "I forgot to comb my hair and I'll break my Personal Health Record if I don't!" was the reply.

In the morning, thinking the sun was out to stay we moved back to our original site. No sooner was breakfast partially cooked than the rain began and back we went again to the boathouse—this time to stay. When we did go back the crows had eaten our breakfast and we had bread and butter!

After a swim we began to pack up and early in the afternoon we started "absolutely positive" that in spite of our first experience there was to be a next time soon.

HELENE BASQUIN,  
Secretary Troop 9

The family came down the steps. "Don't you think," said mother, "that we'd better wait? It looks like rain."

It was the Fourth of July and my sister and I, both Scouts, had planned a supper picnic with a patriotic program and a fireside program so dear to every Girl Scout's heart.

We waited—spreading the blankets and pillows on the grass and having the first part of the program at home. My sister recited a poem,

"Concord Bridge," and I made an original speech on "Ideals." We gave a little play, "The Making of the First American Flag," charades and scenes from the lives of great men.

It was still threatening when we finished this and mother said, "We had better not go far," so we went to an unoccupied house where the view was different.

We started to spread the supper on the yew beds in front of it. Just as we got it all ready it began to rain, so we gathered up the tablecloth and ran for the piazza. After supper we drank toasts, ate peanuts and fired off some firecrackers, played rigamarol and each did a stunt.

Then we went home, built a fire in the fireplace and sat around it. We each did another stunt, sang popular and patriotic songs and toasted marshmallows. We put cones in the fire which made it look very pretty, and sat around watching it.

At sunset, the flag came down with the whole family singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and my sister and I stood at salute.

RHODA D. CHASE,  
Golden Rod Troop, New Bedford,  
Mass.

### WANTED!

Contribution for The Scout Scrap Book for November. Letters—not over 300 words long; "Thanksgiving."

Photographs (must be sharp) or Drawing; Thanksgiving. Verses—not over 24 lines long. Must contain the title Thanksgiving.

All contributions must be received by October 10. The best material will appear in the November Number. Address: The AMERICAN GIRL, Nat'l Hdqts., Girl Scouts, 189 Lexington Ave., New York City.

Contributions must be original. Read above rules carefully. Unavailable material cannot be returned unless stamps are enclosed.

The following account was sent us by Miss Caroline Lewis, National Camp Secretary, who has just been in Reading, Pa.:

"We did a good turn for the Camp yesterday which should be of interest. I took twenty-five children and the farmer down the road to a wooded hill on the side of the creek. We selected a tree for a flag pole, an ash, about forty feet high, that stood on the very edge of the creek. The farmer felled it, letting it fall across the stream, then we, from the meadow side, pulled it up on to the level ground. The limbs and top were cut off. Then we fastened a great rope to the trunk and hauled it up the road and over the terraces in front of the house. After it was stripped of all bark and the pulley and halyards in place, we lifted it. This morning we had a real flag raising."



## AN OVERNIGHT HIKE

You have never gone on an overnight hike? Then you have missed one of the greatest pleasures of your life, if not the greatest. The following is an account of a recent overnight hike of New Yorkers to the Borough of Richmond:

Although the night before our hike it was raining "cats and dogs," the morning dawned bright and clear. All those in the vicinity of the Jerome Avenue "L" station at 8:30 that P. M. saw over a dozen khaki-clad figures with blankets, cameras, bundles, etc. If they had inquired as to the hikers' whereabouts, they would have learned that one of the Scouts had invited her Troop to spend a few days at her bungalow at Crescent Beach, Great Kills, Staten Island. After riding on the "L," subway, ferry, railroad and hiking a mile, we finally arrived at our destination. Our habitation (pro tem) proved to be a two-story cottage with three rooms and a porch on the first floor and two rooms and a porch on the second. After we had unburdened ourselves half of us went in bathing and we certainly had sport. Soon after, we ate and then toasted marshmallows and sang songs around a camp fire. We went in bathing again at 12:00 and then laughed, talked and giggled 'til 2:00. Six Scouts slept on mattresses on the upper porch (to the envy of the rest) and the others slept on beds. At 4:00 we arose from our downy couches in time to see the sun rise. Eight o'clock was the hour the campers awoke. Two girls (and sometimes more) cleared away after each meal. These Kitchen Police only washed the pots, etc., and swept, for the girls had to wash their own dishes.

We rowed and swam Saturday and retired at 10:00. We were going home that P. M., but our hostess kindly invited us to remain for another night, so of course we accepted. In order to catch the seven-something train, the captain had to rise before 6:00 to take four Scouts home. After they had gone, the others got up and tidied their rooms before eating. Then one of the girls sliced the bananas, another cooked the cocoa and lieutenant prepared the scrambled eggs. Since the pan was small she had to make three batches of three eggs each. When the last batch was finished the two girls who had not had any were no longer hungry, so poor lieutenant had to eat the whole batch. She was a little suspicious, for although the girls declared the eggs delicious, they would not take any more. Next we rode in a motor boat and had a ride around



Here are five Golden Eaglets, and this is the truth: They're all the same age—for Girl Scouting means Youth!

Raritan Bay. Then we paddled, rowed and swam 'til mess time. We cooked out-of-doors and roamed about until bathing and mess time again. We reached home around 10:00 and were we sunburnt? However, I don't think one of the fourteen was sorry she had gone. Do you think so?

G. E. McL.,

Troop 9, Bronx, N. Y.

## WARWICK, R. I.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 1 and the Boy Scouts of Troop 1 held a contest on the 4th of July.

After a short parade, the exercises of the Girl Scouts were opened by pledging allegiance to the flag and singing "The Star Spangled Banner." The Scout Promise and Laws were followed by a military drill under the direction of Lieut. William Fobbs. An exhibition of First Aid came next.

Semaphore was then given accompanied by a military band. The formation of four pyramids came next. After the setting-up exercises the Girl Scouts sang. The Contest was won by the Girl Scouts, the prize being \$10.00.

Later in the summer we gave a play entitled: "Leave It to Polly." It was a great success. From our proceeds we gave 10 per cent to National Headquarters, which amounted to \$5.00. We also gave \$5.00 to the Lake Side Sanitarium of Hoxie, Rhode Island. At the conclusion of the play three bronze Medals of Merit, two Thanks Badges and four Attendance Badges were awarded. During the evening home-made candy was sold.

Troop 1, Warwick, R. I.  
Scout D.,

## NASHVILLE, TENN.

Mrs. Charles W. Haden, publicity chairman of the Girl Scouts, submits the following reports from the organization:

At a recent meeting of the leaders of the various troops of this organized body of community workers, the reports of real work done, service rendered and plans submitted for future activities were most gratifying and disclosed a broader scope, a finer constructive policy and a farther reaching vital influence than the uninitiated would suspect.

The character of work accomplished by these four troops was such as two visits each week to the Children's Home and entertaining the little inmates.

Visiting the sick and shut-ins, carrying gifts of cheer and lending their own cordial personality which enhances the value of the simplest offering.

One troop is providing all necessary clothing for one small orphan and meeting other expenses for its benefit. Another troop is giving a sand pile to the Tennessee Children's Home, accompanied with a shower of small buckets and spades.

Another troop is taking an active part in the clean-up work of the city, while others are engaged in beautifying the vacant lot next to the Y. W. C. A. building, with vines and flowers. Some are growing flowers to take to the hospitals while others are devoting their services to the needs of their own neighborhoods, and caring for small children who need such attention.

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## SCOUTING NEWS FROM COLORADO SPRINGS

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### MRS. CHOATE'S VISIT

The Colorado Springs Girl Scouts were very delighted to have Mrs. Arthur O. Choate, our National President, visit us on August 3rd and 4th. Mrs. Choate made several splendid talks on Scouting while here and gave us lots of new ideas and new enthusiasm. She spoke first at a luncheon of Local Council members, and others interested in Scouting.



Colorado Girl Scouts Camp in the Rockies! See How Tiny Their Tents Look on the Side of the Mountain.

and later in the afternoon she addressed the Scouts at a Rally held in her honor. We were particularly interested in hearing about the Girl Guides in England and how well they have the patrol system of troop organization worked out, and about real troop "Courts of Honor," and many other things which are too numerous to tell, but which have aroused in Colorado Springs Scouts a new and keen interest in Scout work and Scout activities. Mrs. Choate also held a most helpful and inspiring meeting with the Scout Captains, and I am sure that we all feel that this brief visit from our president has done lots for Colorado Springs Scouts.

At the "Rally" for Mrs. Choate, the Scouts, led by Mrs. Gile, our old executive, gave a demonstration drill, and later, Merit Badges were awarded to twenty-one girls by Mrs. Choate. The list is as follows:

Invalid Cooking Merit Badges were earned by Scouts: Claudia Zieger, Dorothy Russell and Louise Baum.

Laundress Merit Badges to: Scouts Claudia Zieger, Dorothy Russell,

Evelyn Harless, Caroline Sanderlin, Elizabeth Rader, Anna Lee Carrico, Beatrice Prior, Agnes Killian, Natalie Carroll, Mary Beeson and Sarah Mason.

Swimming Merit Badge to: Scout Dorothea Dudley.

Perfect Attendance Badges to: Scouts Caroline Sanderlin, Beatrice Prior, Margaret Poley and Mary Beeson.

Needlewoman Merit Badge to: Scout Beatrice Prior.

Housekeeping Merit Badge to: Scouts Caroline Sanderlin, Beatrice Prior, Natalie Carroll, Mary Beeson, Dorothy Swan, Captain Hope Allen and Mrs. H. H. Gile.

### OUR THANKS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

We are certainly very grateful to the local School Board for granting us the use of the High School Domestic Science Cottage for the summer months, for this has been a most convenient and attractive headquarters. Thanks to this completely furnished establishment, we have been able to have instruction and classes in cooking, laundry and housekeeping.

### SCOUT "SWIMS"

One of the most popular amusements for the local Scouts during the summer has been the weekly "Swim" in the pool in the Broadmoor Hotel and a number of Scouts have learned to swim and dive. We have been fortunate in arranging a special entrance fee for these swimming parties.

### CAMP

July 7th came at last and, with it, our summer camp became a reality. The day before five lieutenants (Scouts who have been First Class Scouts for a year) and the director went up to get the place in order and the pine boughs collected for the beds, so when the Scouts arrived the next day the tents were up and everything in running order. We had eight tents, two of which were for the captains, one for the lieutenants, one for the sergeants and four others, in which there were eight Scouts. The sergeants were all First Class Scouts and they, with the lieutenants, had the privilege of staying at camp for the three weeks. Other Scouts could only stay one week, and the first week we had thirty-five girls, with forty each of the last two weeks.

Camp was situated in the very midst of mountains, in fact, we had great difficulty in finding a flat space large enough for our drill, calisthenics and baseball games. All around us were wonderful mountain trails and canons to explore, rocks to climb and icy-cold streams, excellent for water fights on warm days. We had rented the cabin, which had been built for the Boy Scouts by the Rotary Club, and used this for our dining room and kitchen. Our schedule for a day at camp was as follows:

First Call	6:30
Reveille	6:45
Calisthenics	7:00
Flag Raising, Scout Laws and Promise	7:25
Breakfast	7:30
Fatigue Duty, Wood, K. P., Yard Squads	8:00-9:00
Inspection	9:00
Sick Call	9:15
Drill	9:30
Classes, Nature Study, Signaling	10:00-12:00
Dinner	12:30
Rest Hour	1:30-2:30
Recreation, Games, Hikes, etc.	2:30-5:55
Retreat	5:55
Supper	6:00
Recreation, Camp Fire, etc.	7:00-9:00
Tattoo	9:00
Taps	9:00



# Philadelphia Girl Scouts

Edited by  
NANCY B. WADDELL  
Director

## CAMP MEMORIES

Fall is here, school started and yet our thoughts hark back to Camp Ahmeek and we talk of the good times we had about camp fires roasting weenies and marshmallows, singing songs and having stunts! Times so full of fun they will never be forgotten!

Then, once a week the Nature Study Hike, seeing the many interesting things we had never stopped to see before and hearing from the Nature Study Counsellor stories of insects, animals and flowers. We shall think of these things often during the coming days of fall and winter. And how we made friends with our good friend, the frog, overcoming our idea that he would give us warts if we touched him! There were other queer things besides hoptoads we picked up, for we were working for Camp Letters and points were given for these.

### The Camp Letter

During the two months of camping six hundred Scouts were at Camp Ahmeek and one hundred and seventy Scouts made the requirements for Camp Letters. When one considers the things we had to do to get that wonderful letter, the record is one to be proud of. Every Scout who failed this year is determined to make the Letter next time, so next year will see even more girls wearing it.

Just so that everyone may see how hard we had to work, I am giving the requirements for the Camp Letter below:

#### 1—NATURE STUDY:

- a. Identification of trees by leaf —10 leaves. 5 points.
- b. For each additional leaf identified. 1 point.
- c. For each species of family tree identified. 1 point.
- d. For each curiosity or article of special interest found and turned in. 1-5 points.
- e. For identifying 10 flowers. 5 points.
- f. For each additional flower identified. 1 point.

- g. For any curiosity accepted for the camp museum. 5-25 points.

#### 2—INSPECTION:

- a. Perfect Tent Inspection. 5 points.
- b. For any litter or paper found in or around the tent. 1 point off.
- c. For food in tent. 5 points off.
- d. For perfect personal inspection. 3 points.
- e. For each thing wrong in personal inspection. 1 point off.

#### 3—ATHLETICS:

- a. For entering contest events. 3 points.
- b. Winning first place. 10 points.
- c. Winning second place. 8 points.
- d. Winning third place. 6 points.

#### 4—SIGNALLING:

- a. Semaphore—sending 20 letters per minute. 2 points.
- b. Semaphore—sending 30 letters per minute. 3 points.
- c. Semaphore—sending 40 letters per minute. 4 points.
- d. Semaphore—receiving 20 letters per minute. 3 points.
- e. Semaphore—receiving 30 letters per minute. 4 points.
- f. Semaphore—receiving 40 letters per minute. 5 points.
- g. Morse—sending 20 letters per minute. 3 points.
- h. Morse—sending 30 letters per minute. 4 points.
- i. Morse—sending 40 letters per minute. 5 points.
- j. Morse—receiving 20 letters per minute. 4 points.
- k. Morse—receiving 30 letters per minute. 5 points.
- l. Morse—receiving 40 letters per minute. 6 points.

#### 5—MAP AND TRAIL MAKING:

- a. For each map or trail-making sign. 1 point.
- To win Camp Letter Scout had to make 125 points.

#### And now for the funny sayings:

Scout, looking at the day's program: "Why, Captain, out here we have mess before breakfast!"

Officers of the Day. She blew her whistle, raised her voice and yelled: "All out for Anesthetics!"

One knowledge-acquiring Scout looking at the program for the day, came to an hour marked "optional." She asked: "Captain, what is 'optional' and how do you do it?"

One Scout ran to the Nature Study Counsellor with two flowers which had been named for her the day before, but this is how she named them: "Oh, Miss Morley, look! I've found that 'Deadly Night Shirt' and an 'Up All Night'."

While naming specimens for the Camp Letter a Scout held up the blooming "Self Heal," but her mem-

ory failed her. She thought and thought—then radiantly called out: "Oh, Cure 'Em!"

In classifying beneficent insects a Scout named the honey bee. When asked why, she said: "Why, because it lays honey."

## CAMP PICTURE

The Stanley Moving Picture Co. asked the Scout Director to direct a camp picture of two hundred feet. This was such a success that the Stanley Co. sent out an operator and several hundred more feet were taken and the result is a lovely colored educational reel of one thousand feet which will be released in October and you Scouts all over the country will have an opportunity to see the lovely camp site Miss Fox of the Philadelphia Girl Scout Council selected for us. Then you will know why the Philadelphia Girl Scouts had such a grand time camping.

## A PROGRAM FOR FIELD DAY

*This program was tried by the Philadelphia Scouts with great success.*

1. Fire Building and Pint of Water Boiling.
  - (a) Two matches allowed.
  - (b) No paper or excelsior allowed.
  - (c) Bring your own kindlings.
  - (d) Bring your own kettle.
2. Scout Flag Relay Race.
  - (a) Eight Scouts on a team (4 at one end and 4 at the other end).
  - (b) Distance, 50 yards.
  - (c) Must use troop flag without staff.
3. Squad Drill.
  - (a) Strictly military.
  - (b) One squad only.
  - (c) Time, 3 minutes.
4. Stretcher Drill.
  - (a) Stretcher must be made of 2 sticks and 2 blouses.
  - (b) Scouts must wear waist underneath.
  - (c) Marked for:
    1. Making stretcher.
    2. Lifting patient on stretcher.
    3. Carrying patient 50 ft.
  - (d) Accuracy will be counted before speed.
  - (e) Six Scouts will be necessary for the drill. One Scout will be the patient. Two Scouts will hold and carry stretcher. Three Scouts will lift patient on stretcher.

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## AN AFTERNOON ENCHANTMENT

By Albert Bigelow Paine

MARY ESTHER lived in a beautiful house on a beautiful street in a great city. She had an older brother who loved her, and a younger sister whom she loved. She had a father and mother who indulged their children, and she wore beautiful clothes and ate bonbons every day. In fact, she had everything she wished for except one, and that one, because she could not have it, became more precious in her eyes than any of the beautiful things she already possessed. She knew that in time she would have this wish granted, also, but she could not wait. No one could grant it now, and no money could buy what she desired. Time alone could make her happy, for her longing—the one desire of her heart—was to be grown and a lady.

She used to imagine how beautiful she would look in rich dresses that swept the floor in a long train, and how grand it would be to order the car whenever she wished, and drive down the beautiful street with people turning to gaze at her as she passed. She dreamed of attending splendid balls and of having gentlemen crowding about her for dances, ready to fight a duel for a flower. She had pictured in her mind exactly how she would look. She had also pictured how Brother Tom would stand off and admire her, and how Sister Tessie would look up at her as a queen.

And so she thought and pictured and dreamed. And then she sighed and thought of the long years of waiting, and even when Brother Tom took her out in his sailboat and let her steer she could not altogether forget the longing in her heart. It was a sweet warm day in spring, and the water was blue and calm. All the world was fresh and wonderful in its new dress of olive green, but Mary Esther saw nothing but the vision of her own loveliness as it would be at the end of the long years to come. By and by, when they had returned home, she threw herself into a large armchair, and sitting alone, looked out of the window, where there was a blooming shrub, and some birds singing, which she scarcely heard.

But after a while one of the birds hopped down on the window-sill and began a different song from any she had ever known. She listened in spite of herself while it sang and sang. She forgot everything else, even her own great desire, listening to the song. At last she remembered

Tom and Tessie, and thought she would slip softly out and tell them of the wonderful bird. But as she arose the songster flew away, and then all at once she felt that in some way she was changed. Her eyes were on the level several inches higher than they had ever been before, and when she looked down she saw that

ARE you anxious to be grown-up?

Mary Esther was until—but here is the story for you to read.

her dress touched the floor. Then she knew that the strange singing bird had been a fairy that had sung away the years. The desire of her heart was granted.

There was no mirror in the room and she hastened toward her own apartment. As she stepped outside a tall gentleman with a beard stopped her. She was about to become indignant and then she saw it was Brother Tom, only she hardly knew him with a beard, and he had grown so much older in other ways.

"You will have to hurry," he said. "We dine at the Howlands' you know, at seven, and there is nothing so inexcusable as to be late at a dinner party."

"Oh, Tom," she found herself saying, "you do provoke me so. It's always hurry, hurry. Dress for this and dress for that! I do hope Tessie will have to go less when she is grown."

"You forget. Tessie is going with us and went to dress long ago. Here she is now."

Mary Esther looked up and stared. Before her was a slender girl of perhaps nineteen, in evening dress and as beautiful as a princess.

"Tessie!" was all she could say.

"Yes, I'm all ready, and you'll have to hurry, sister. Nanette is waiting to dress you, and your new gown came home an hour ago. It's a perfect dream."

Ah, the new gown! This, at least, was worth while.

"Yes, yes, Tessie," she said, "I'm going. You and Tom will be the death of me yet with your terrifying promptness. I never seem to have time for anything except to get ready to be dragged out somewhere."

"That's because you spend so much time dreaming about things you can't have. I remember when you were perfectly wild to be a woman with dresses and places to go. What is it this time, Sis? A coronet?"

She was hurrying away when she thought of something and turned:

"Have papa and mama come home yet?" she asked.

Tessie and Tom looked at each other. Then the brother came up to her gently.

"You have been asleep, Mary Esther, and dreaming," he said softly. "Father is home, but mother, you know, died more than a year ago."

Then she remembered, but she could not speak for the sudden return of sorrow. She had loved her mother dearly, and as she slipped up to her room the tears streamed from her eyes. She passed her father in the hall. His hair had whitened and his face was careworn. He stopped and kissed her.

"Don't cry," he said, "I want you to look beautiful to-night. It is late, too."

Everybody the same. Was there no time even for mourning? Must it be forever dress and hurry and go? She began to hate the new gown upstairs, and when she reached the dainty boudoir where Nanette was waiting, she wished only to fling herself upon a couch and weep.

Then she remembered that she had not seen herself as yet since she became a woman. She hurried to the mirror and looked in. She gave a little cry of disappointment. She was not the rare queen that she had dreamed of being. Not so tall nor so beautiful. Her face was beginning to look careworn, too, and discontented, she thought, even at twenty-two.

"They are killing me," she cried. "This life of continual dress and go is making me old and haggard before my time. Oh, if I were only a girl again!" Then she remembered how she had sat in the big chair and listened to the bird that had sung the years away and granted the wish of her heart.

"Oh, if the bird would only sing them back?" she cried—"if it would only sing them back!"

Then she suddenly forgot that

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## SCOUTING ACTIVITIES IN MINNESOTA

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### NEWS FROM ENGLAND

The letters from Miss Marjorie Edgar, Local Director, who is in England, working and playing and camping with the Girl Guides, are full of interesting details and comments. Miss Edgar has attended rallies, big and small, indoor and outdoor, single troop meetings, leaders' school, leaders' camp and the International Conference at Oxford.

At the big indoor Rally in London to which the public was not admitted, eight hundred Guides contested in First Aid, Folk Dancing, Knot Tying and Gymnastics. Fire drill and stretcher drill, executed without a hitch, were features of the Kingston Rally participated in by one hundred and fifty girls to earn money for the local organization.

All girls and leaders have uniforms. Miss Edgar prefers the Scout coat to the "tuck in" blouse of the Guide, but says the English leaders make a far smarter appearance than ours do. Their hats are turned up at the side and fastened by cockades, the color of which indicates rank. They have an officer entitled Commissioner of Hospitality but no Directors. Brownies wear brown wash tunics with leather belts and round tan straw hats.

Guides' proficiency badges are much the same as Scouts, but their various War Service Awards are badges instead of pins. The great honor is the Edith Cavell Badge, given for remarkable service to one's country.

There was "continued beastly soaking rain" throughout the five days Miss Edgar was in Guiders' (Leaders') Camp at Clandon Downs. She tells of hauling water by an ancient wheel effect, dancing in the old barn and vainly trying to see something of the lovely countryside through curtains of rain and mist. Altogether it was fascinating and profitable though uncomfortable, but she adds, "like all camping, it was good for us."

### FARIBAULT, MINN.

The Girl Scouts of Troop No. 1 at Faribault, Minn., closed a very successful nine months this June. The movement seems well started and the new Lieutenant and Captain are such

that the work will go forward even better.

There are twenty-two girls in the Troop, all have their uniforms, all have passed their Tenderfoot tests, and eight the Second Class tests.

During the winter the main event was their Rally. The program consisted of a First Aid demonstration, a signalling drill and the playlet, "The Spirit of the Scouts." As the Girl Scouts were new in Faribault, this program helped in interesting the townspeople.

The week-end of May 29 the Troop went to the lake for their first real outing. It proved so successful that the girls are all looking forward to their summer camp.

Another event of note was their part in the Memorial Day parade. They marched right behind the High School band and made a very smart appearance.

The spirit of comradeship among the girls together with their loyalty to their captain has made this year a very pleasant and hopeful one to all.

LAURA B. CROSS,  
Retiring Captain.

A third Troop of girls from ten to twelve years of age has just been organized in Faribault and registered by the captain, Miss Florence Messer.

### THANKS BADGES

The Scouts of Troop 52 who were graduated from the University High School last June honored their captain and lieutenant by presenting them with Thanks Badges. Each leader was aware of the surprise in store for the other. Lieutenant Dora V. Smith, who sailed for her home in Scotland, was the guest of honor at a farewell luncheon and received her badge at that time.

While in camp at Prescott, Wis., in response to a request from the townspeople, the Troop gave a vaudeville entertainment consisting of singing, dancing, readings, a signalling contest and a one-act play. During the formal opening, which was the first on the program, Scout Mildred Jaynes broke ranks and presented Captain Rewey Belle Inglis with the symbol of the Troop's appreciation and thanks.

### ORCHARD LAKE CAMP

Girls from at least eighteen Troops will have had a week's camping at Orchard Lake by the time of closing, September 1. Many of the Scouts embraced the opportunity of passing all Second Class requirements and working for proficiency badges.

### ST. PAUL CAMP

St. Paul Scouts were in camp between August 9th and 23rd at Oak Point (Boy Scout property) at Square Lake, Minn. Mrs. Juhre, local director, was in charge and the ninety-six girls—forty-eight each week—were taken care of by eight chaperons, two cooks and a trained nurse.

### ROCHESTER, N. Y.

The registered members of the Rochester Girl Scouts had their first "get together" supper last night at the Brick Church Institute as the guests of the Brick Church group. About one hundred girls made the echoes ring in the dining-room, and showed true scout appetites. Miss Mary Paris, who is responsible for starting the Scouts in Rochester, acted as toastmistress and introduced Mrs. Clarence Moser, Rochester's first commissioner, who spoke briefly on her favorite part of the scout work "Do a Good Turn Daily" and illustrated it by very real instances of big and little "turns" in her own experience.

The Girl Scouts of Troop 6 gave a one-act farce, "Boosting Bridget," last evening in Gannett House. Before the play Constance Palla and Elizabeth Grauen gave a demonstration of First Aid and signalling.



Athletic Badge





# Merit a

That Lead to the Gold



**D**ON'T you want to win these badges and perhaps even the Golden Eaglet? Of course you do! In order to help you National Headquarters is planning a brand-new book, "Girl Scout Badges—How to Win Them." This book will soon be published—Watch for it!

Before you can wear the Dress Badge, pass your Needlewoman's test—you can make clothes—that is, if you know how to do if the waist fit v



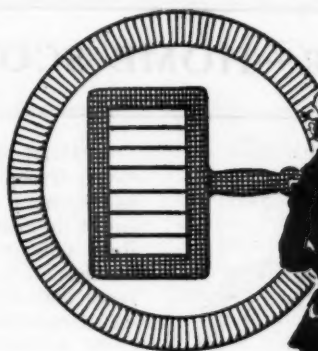
The Economist Badge means that you not only know how to save your money, but spend it wisely, take proper care of your clothes, and fill the family market basket carefully.



Two of the badges—the Flower Hunter (shown in the left hand page)—mean that you spend money in open air. No Girl will ob

# Badges

## the Golden Eaglet



J.G.

The Cooking Badge, shown at the right, is really lots of fun to win! There are thirteen requirements for this badge and the answers to all of them may be found in your very own kitchen.



Dress Badge on your sleeve you must test—you can go ahead and make real now learn a sewing machine and what to wait not fit well.

J.G.

### DO YOU KNOW—

What jars are best for canning?

How many naps should a baby have in one day?

How to rescue a drowning person?

What flowers afford the best food for honey?

All these questions and many more will be answered in the new book, "Girl Scout Badges—How to Win Them."

If you can tell the general rules for preserving fruit you will soon be the proud owner of the "Canner's Badge."



es—er Finder and the Bird the left hand corner of the you end many hours in the Girl will object to this.

J.G.



J.G.



## SCRIBES' CORNER—HOME SCOUT NEWS—

### ROCKPORT, MASS.

The Rockport Girl Scouts, Troop 1, went on another cruise this summer in the yacht "Wahama." The yacht stayed for quite some time in the harbor of Marblehead. They had a wonderful time, entering into yachting life with great enjoyment.

The Troop was divided into pairs for the performance of daily duties, "care of ship," washing decks, calling to colors, weighing anchor, etc.

The four buglers, all Scouts, attracted much attention in the harbor and won many compliments as well. When the "Constellation" and the Yacht Club fired salutes the "Wahama" buglers were right on time. When the colors were raised or lowered the Scouts made the welkin ring with their bugles. Their skill with the oars and other duties showed them to be good sailors.

All the girls of Troop 1 are even now beginning to beg the captain of the yacht, Rev. Mr. Campbell, to take them next year.

### CHICAGO, ILL.

At the Girl Scout camp the boys of the Forest Preserve built a log house for the girls. It served as a gymnasium and when Betty Sexton, the "squirrel" of the camp, was not running up a tree trunk for the view she chinned herself on the log house rafters!

Mrs. Benjamin Carpenter was presented with a Thanks Badge by the campers.

An amateur performance of three short plays for the benefit of the girl Scouts of Chicago will be given at the Durant Art institute, Lake Forest college, on the evening of Aug. 27.

### SANTA FE, N. M.

The Girl Scouts of Santa Fé gave a dance in order to raise funds for camping. They worked hard selling tickets and the dance was a splendid success—therefore the girls are going camping!

### ELMIRA, N. Y.

The Girl Scouts of Elmira cleared \$655 at a Block Party they held during the month of July. These funds are being used for a camp this summer and as the magazine goes to press the most successful camp is being held.



Swimming Badge  
SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Girl Scouts of San Diego will never forget the delightful days spent at Del Mar, the Pine Hill Camp.

The daily routine was as follows: Whistle, 6 A. M., call for rising by the officer of the day; 6:30, flag raising, salute and allegiance, Scout laws, singing and general announcements, and last but not least, the welcome call to breakfast.

Nine o'clock was the hour for inspection. No scrap of paper, orange peel or bits of string were too small for the sharp eyes of the inspector. If any were discovered, off came one-quarter mark; if shoes were not neatly laced, off came another quarter. Beds must be well made; all clothing properly disposed of; each eating kit neatly placed; towels smoothly folded.

The rest of the day, until retreat, was planned by each captain and her troop. Sometimes there would be a tramp or horses would be engaged for distant trips. When the funds were low among the younger ones they would pool their pennies and "take turns" just for the joy of riding on a horse.

K. P. and wood gathering were taken in turns and no one seemed to mind these duties at all, though the K. P. helped cook as well as bring water from the stream fifty yards away.

After retreat and supper came the crowning joy of the Scouting life, camp fire. It was always a time for merrymaking, acting plays or charades or singing, sometimes with a treat of popcorn or sweets. Always did the captain bring into the program some story, song or poem of idealistic beauty, bravery and kindness.

Taps came at 9:30 and then there was unbroken silence until 6 o'clock the next morning, for the penalty for talking was chopping wood.

### INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

Our Troop No. 22 went camping and spent a delightful ten days at one of the State Parks called Turkey Run. This park has only been owned by the State during the past two years and contains some wonderful rock formations.

We arrived at our destination in a drizzling rain and our first disappointment was to find that the large tent, which we had engaged, was not up, but the spacious porch of the hotel protected us and our baggage. After a light supper, which we brought into the hotel dining room, each was told to get her baggage and go to the small tents which surrounded the hotel. This was lots of fun and soon everyone was singing.

The next morning orders were received to get our cooking utensils and bacon and we hiked over to what was to be our quarters. Having found some bricks and a piece of sheet iron for a stove, breakfast was soon sizzling and everyone did justice to it.

By noon our big tent was ready. As soon as everything was in order we hiked to explore the surrounding country. The second day all orders were enforced and we settled down to regular routine. We all had special duties, some to wash dishes and others to make the beds. We swam at ten-thirty and then did just as we pleased until noon. After supper at night we spent a great deal of time at the hotel writing letters, dancing, playing cards and sometimes planning for a bedtime prank.

We visited the home of John Lusk, who first owned the territory and took many walks to points of interest.

Camp broke early Friday morning and all voted it a jolly ten days.

M. C., Scribe.

### VALLEY FALLS, N. Y.

The Girl Scouts of the Poppy Troop gave the "Golden Eaglet" movie during the month of May. We cleared \$36.00. Each girl received \$1.50 to use towards paying for her uniform.

We have had quite a few hikes and the girls passed their cooking and fire-making tests. The Tenderfoot tests have been passed and most of the Second Class.

There are twenty-four girls in our Troop besides two Lieutenants and Captain Bowen. We all enjoy reading about other Troops in THE AMERICAN GIRL.

PATROL LEADER.



## —AND SCOUTING NEWS FROM ABROAD



*The following letter was received by Florence Winn of Lake Grove, Long Island, N. Y., from an English Girl Guide who loves to write to American Girl Scouts:*

DEAR FLORENCE:

Thank you very much for your letter I received a few days ago. I was awfully pleased to hear from you, as I have been to hear from all the other American girls who have written to me. I have been simply overwhelmed with letters, but I have found great pleasure in passing names and addresses on to other of our Guides here. By all means write me as often as you like, and I will write to you. I think it is great fun receiving letters from over the "Fish-pond," as they call it. America and the Americans seem to be so jolly. I often wish I could pay a visit to the New World, but who knows, some day I may do so. I have an aunt living at Rochester, N. Y., and I also have some relations living in Toronto, Canada.

Well, to proceed, I didn't start to relate you my family history, so here goes about the Guides. I know you are aching to hear all about them.

Well! (more wells), our Company was formed in October, 1917, and we are now up to full strength of thirty-two girls, with the exception of about two, I think. We have four patrols with eight girls each, or there should be, rather, when we are "full up." We have one Captain and two Lieutenants in charge, a senior and a junior, the latter is myself. I was promoted about two months ago.

We have our Company meetings every Wednesday from about 5:30 until 7:30. At these meetings the Guides are instructed, first of all, by their patrol leaders in First Aid, Signalling and Knot Tying, and anything else they want to be helped in.

Captain takes the whole Company for drill, for a little while, and then we finish up with Morse games, or games played with balls, or any others the girls like.

We "fall in" again for dismissal. Captain gives the orders for the following Company Night, and after singing our National Anthem, "God Save the King," the girls are dismissed, and trot homewards. Our uniforms are of navy blue, not khaki, as yours are. We wear navy blue skirts, navy blue felt hats. We have brown leather belts with our badge and motto, "Be Prepared," in front.

Our four patrols are named after flowers, too, so on her left shoulder the Guide wears a knot of ribbons composed of the colours of the flower her patrol represents, and on her top left-hand pocket (on her jumper) she wears the flower worked in different coloured silks.

Most companies wear pale blue ties (all officers have to, anyway), but we have just bought green ones; they look very nice, too, but when our girls are mixed with the 2nd Co., who have bright orange ones the colour scheme is warranted to ruin anyone's eyesight at a mere glance.

By the way, our badge is called the "trefoil," and is shaped like a shamrock. The three leaves are to remind us of our three promises we made when we were enrolled, To be loyal to God and the King; to help other people at all times, and to keep the laws of the Guides.

Our salute is made with three fingers on the right hand, and when we shake hands with another Scout or Guide we shake with the left.

I say, do you like acting? I simply love it. We are very busy getting up an entertainment for a huge bazaar which is being held very soon.

When I next write I will send you some views of Marlborough. It's a very pretty place in the summer and has about 4,000 inhabitants. We have a lovely forest which is topping for Scouting and tracking games. We

also have a large college here for boys. There are between six and seven hundred boys there altogether.

Oh! dear! it is hot to-day, but I love the warm weather, don't you? The worst of our English climate is, though, you can never really tell properly what it is going to be from one day to the next, as you can in America. We can't arrange parties, etc., out-of-doors beforehand like you can, for instance.

Well! I could rattle on for the next hour telling you all about England, the Guides and everything, but I must cease now as I find I have come to the end of my paper.

Cheerio! Best wishes to you all.

I remain,

Your sincere friend,

PHYL.

*Miss Alcyon Robinson, Certified Delegate to the International Convention of Enfranchised Women, held at Geneva, Switzerland, writes as follows:*

"We had tea in the Royal Gardens of Bohemia and there your duckie little Girl Scouts stood as a guard of honor while we had tea. Some other Girl Scouts, equally dear, were in Geneva at the Convention. They were always so quick to run errands. They made me love Europe and want to stay longer on their side of the ocean. Greetings to the Girl Scouts of the States."



Did You Know That Princess Mary of England Was a Girl Guide? Here She Is Reviewing One of the English Companies.

# Our Party Page



*The idea for the unique party, given below, was sent us by Katherine Hicks of Troop 1, Hinsdale, Ill. She told us that this party was such a great success that she wanted other Girl Scouts to try it.*

## A FARMERETTE PARTY

The invitations sent out for the party read as follows:

Won't you come to my Farmerette Party

In suitable dress and gear,  
From 2 o'clock to five-thirty,

On Saturday next you'll appear?

We'll sow fields and shell corn  
aplenty,

And make small plants really  
grow,

So I pray of you, send me your answer,

I hope 'twill be "yes" and not  
"no."

Before the guests arrived the house was decorated to look as nearly as possible like a big barn. There were haystacks in the corner, cornstalks and fall vegetables everywhere. If you are fortunate enough to live in the country be sure to hold this party in the barn.

Promptly at two on the appointed day the guests began to arrive. They came arrayed in sunbonnets or straw hats, overalls and aprons. While they were upstairs removing their wraps they were given a small rake, hoe and spade, each about four inches long.

While the rest of the guests were assembling those lucky enough to come first took great delight in "making small plants really grow." (Water flowers in a tub of water.)

The first event was a potato race. Each girl received a clay potato somewhat larger than her shovel. At a given signal she put it on her toy spade and ran across the room. The object was to see who could get to

the goal without spilling it or in any case get there first. Some of the girls dropped their potato several times and it was great sport to see them pick it up with the shovel, for, of course, they were not allowed to use their hands. The winner was given a huge toy bug supposed to be a "potato bug."

Everyone had been wondering how we would "sow a field," but they soon found out. Each girl took a needle, thread and a square of cloth and tried to sew around the edge with stitches not more than half an inch long. "A needle in a haystack" (a darning needle in a pile of excelsior) presented with a solemn face to the lucky girl made everyone scream with laughter.

Armed with hoes, the girls hoed corn. In three huge pans of beans several dozen grains of corn were mixed. At the signal "go" the girls

attempted to hoe out the grains of corn from the beans. The girl who got twelve grains of corn out first won the prize—an imitation piece of cornbread, which squeaked when pressed.

The fourth event was "raking straw." The girls were given six broomstraws and told to rake them across the room. Their toy rakes were difficult to handle and most of the girls ended up by sitting on their heels and hitching backwards. A pretty china statue of a man with a rake, the best prize of all, was given for this race, probably because it was one of the hardest.

After this came the apple-paring contest. The object was, of course, to pare an apple nicely, in the shortest length of time. Most of the girls cut away practically all of the apple, but three were lucky enough to win—the two best parers were given apple-shaped pin-cushions and the third a metal apple bank.

Two of the very funniest stunts were the "Pig Rooting" and "Grunting Contest." In the first, the girls were obliged to push a small ball across the floor with their noses. In the second, they started at opposite ends of the room and walked towards one another grunting all the time, and touched noses. Of course they laughed, while even a smile put them out of the game. Some of the Scouts gave such awful snorts that everyone burst out laughing—in fact, the whole game made everyone ache with merriment. A plaster pig and a little cotton pig on the end of a wire were appropriate prizes.

"Sheep Shearing" was held next. Each girl was presented with a sheet of paper and some scissors. Then she was blindfolded and told to cut out a sheep out of the paper while she sat rocking in a chair. The results were most ludicrous! The girl

All girls like to give parties and certainly Girl Scouts are no exception. This is proved by the number of requests we receive at Headquarters for entertainment material. We have therefore decided to give every month in *The American Girl* a number of party suggestions. If there is any particular kind of party you wish help with, write to us. On the other hand if you have an original idea for an entertainment, send it in. We will pay \$1.00 for any account of a party or plan for a party considered worthy of publication.

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## PLAY UNCLE SAM'S NEW SAVINGS GAME

### And Earn Your Economist Badge

Girl Scouts, do you know that our Uncle Sam is actively carrying on all over the United States among girls and boys and men and women, and last but not least, among children, an active campaign to bring before Americans the great advantage each of us may enjoy by becoming a nation of savers instead of spenders?

Now Thrift is one of the many splendid standards of the Girl Scouts. Achievement of the Economist Badge, whose symbol is the busy bee, rightly demands certain records testifying to the good common sense of the Girl Scout before she can obtain it. The points to be covered are saving from earnings or allowance, care of clothes, wise selection of clothes and wise selection of food menus for the home. There can be no doubt on the part of every thinking Girl Scout—big Scouts, little Scouts, old Scouts, young Scouts and Scoutlets—that each and everyone should qualify for this badge.

Let us ask ourselves very seriously, "Are we allowing ourselves to develop careless habits of spending?" "Do we save the small sums which will surely grow into bigger ones?" "Do we carefully consider the real value of an expenditure before we make it?" "Have we learned to spend, not to gratify our whims, but in accordance with a definite plan?"

It is absolutely necessary in this period of the world's history that everyone practice economy and even frugality if we wish to become individually successful or continue to be the power we are nationally. The great trouble with us all here in America is that the majority of us have grown up without properly understanding the value of money. It is never too late to learn this very important lesson, but the best time of all is when we are boys and girls growing up, for if at this time we begin to form the permanent habit of saving it will be a continual blessing to us all our lives.

### Nickels and Pennies Count!

The very best way for each one of us to attack this problem is to plan to expend all of our money systematically and SAVE FIRST always! Whatever we do, let us not be ashamed to save nickels, and even pennies, systematically. We must stop drifting carelessly along thinking because we cannot save a dollar a week it is useless to save 25 cents a week or even a dime, because the fundamental thing for us all is to

firmly establish the habit of saving—"get the habit!"

Uncle Sam provided a splendid means of safeguarding our savings, no matter how small they may be, by encouraging wise investment in the soundest possible security, the small 25-cent Thrift Stamp and the \$5.00 War Savings Stamp.

Uncle Sam not only makes it possible for us to save and invest with the Government in small sums, but he has recently issued a Savings Game Score Card not only to encourage boys and girls to earn money to save, but to interest their parents in establishing habits of industry in the home. He has also issued a suggested budget and account sheet for older girls in order to start them out properly in the Game of Life by carefully planning their expenditures. Copies of the budget sheet are offered to every Girl Scout in the United States who will write to the War Savings Division of the Treasury Department in any one of the following cities: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Atlanta, Ga.; Richmond, Va.; Cleveland, Ohio; Minneapolis, Minn.; Dallas, Texas; San Francisco, Calif. Write to the War Savings Division of the Treasury Department in one of these twelve cities which lies nearest to you. For Girl Scouts who live in the Second Federal Reserve District of the Treasury Department, or in other words, in New York State and the twelve northern countries of New Jersey, the Treasury Department offers not only the budget sheet but the Savings Game Score Card. This may be had by writing to the Government Loan Organization, Treasury Department,



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ment, also has copies of these Savings Game Score Cards and budget sheets and would be glad to send a sample to you upon request to 189 Lexington Avenue, New York City.

Get a Savings Game Score Card or a budget sheet, or both, at once and begin to save! You will never regret it and as you grow older you will bless Uncle Sam for having encouraged and sustained you in the habit of saving in this wonderful country of ours.

*Florence Spencer, Chief Woman's Division, Government Loan Organization, Second Federal Reserve District, Treasury Department, New York City.*

## AN AFTERNOON ENCHANTMENT

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Nanette was waiting to dress her and flew down to the room where she had sat in the big chair and listened to the bird. And when she got there it was just sunset and once more the bird was singing on the sill. Once more she forgot all else in the world listening to its song, until, at last, the bright sunlight slipped from the window-pane and the bird fled with it. Just then she heard Brother Tom's voice calling.

"Come to dinner, Mary Esther," he cried gayly. "Tessie and I are waiting for you." There was something in his voice that made her spring to her feet and rush to him. Then she gave a cry of joy, for he was not the bearded Tom, but the old Tom who had taken her sailing, and Tessie—once more her little sister. For with the renewed singing of the wonderful bird the years had rolled backward and her second wish had been granted even as the first.

"Oh, Tom," she cried, "I am so glad we are young—so glad! Where are father and mother?"

"They are waiting for us in the dining-room," answered Tom. "But I thought you wanted to be grown up, Sis?"

"I did, Tom, but I've changed my mind. I'm perfectly happy as I am."

And as Mary Esther entered the brilliant dining-room there was just the least glisten of tears in her bright eyes.

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by someone you know.



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try, and that she was most fitted for all the advantages Harriet could not grasp! And now she saw that all Harriet's simplicity, all her quiet direct manners, had been taught her—she had learned them in the city.

For half an hour her pride raged and wept alternately. Then slowly, as the afternoon sky clears for a soft bright sunset, a calmer, more reasonable mood crept over her stormy little soul. The native good-sense in her, the quick wit that had showed her so often the follies of others, showed her now her own. What a spirit she had come in—not to learn, to be helped to the thing she wanted most; but to know how little she needed such help! Not to fit in as easily and unobtrusively as she could to her new home, but to make her individuality as prominent as possible. Not to seem grateful, but disdainful, at this family life offered her so simply.

Slowly her crying ceased, and her lips took on a sweeter curve, her eyes a softer light. A different girl got up from the cold floor and stole in, tired and with reddened lids, but with a quieter heart, to bed. It was later than she knew, and she overslept till nine in the morning, to find a dainty breakfast tray by her side and Katrina, all smiles, to see if she were well rested.

Ethel was at her music lesson, Dicky was out for his roller-skating, and only Aunt Grace was with her when the shampooer rubbed and brushed her wavy gold hair, ending with:

"And if you'll curl it less, Miss Hoyt, and brush it more, you'll have a fine head of hair later on. It takes the life out of it and dries it so. And how do you wish for it to be done, Miss Meade?"

Yesterday she would have gasped at the question; to-day she sat quietly while Aunt Grace answered:

"Just a bow knot at the back, Mrs. Archer, I think, or those pretty Gretchen braids wound about the head, perhaps."

"That's it, Miss Meade—the very thing!" And Sarah saw the curved lines of her own head for the first time in years.

Aunt Grace nodded with satisfaction.

"Very pretty, indeed," she said, approvingly. "Your head is uncommonly well shaped, my dear."

Then, as Sarah turned to put on her dress, the older woman laid a hand on her arm.

"I have been looking over your

clothes, Sarah, and find them, as I had supposed they would be, a little too elaborate for school and street wear here. We do not dress young girls in large figured silks now, and as you will easily see, while it is quite necessary for young girls to follow the intricacies of the latest fashions, it will be vastly more comfortable for you to be dressed in the style of your schoolmates. Nothing is more trying than a consciousness of looking unusual, I think, though it is a small matter, from one point of view, of course, and fortunately easily remedied."

Sarah blushed a little, but met Aunt Grace's eye firmly.

"Yes, Aunt Grace, I see what you mean," she answered.

Aunt Grace looked much relieved. "Several things have come up from the shops and Felise and I will help you with them now, my dear," she said, and they went into the bedroom. The daintiest fawn-colored suit lay on the bed; a dark blue plaid short skirt and blouse hung on one chair; a big soft felt hat with a long gray quill occupied another, and a pretty little rough short jacket, with heavy gray gloves lying on it, covered her elaborate astrachan coat.

"With this for school and this for church and a silk waist or two, we shall do very well to begin with," said Aunt Grace, as Felise patted the folds of the skirt into shape and privately kicked the long stiff corset into the closet.

"When the dancing class begins, a light thin silk with a tucked waist—you are so slender—and a long coat, and I think you will do very well," she concluded.

"*Maintenant, Mademoiselle—regardez!*" and Felise led her to the pier-glass. She could not restrain a little cry of surprise. Was this Sadie? The girl, who looked—yes, like Ethel and Harriet and yet so much prettier? For it was an undeniable fact that if she had looked pretty in her tortured, ribboned, pleated dress, she was lovely, indeed, in the rich dark blue gown that hung so gracefully from her slender shoulders and threw out the pink of her cheeks and the fluffy yellow of her snugly braided hair.

Ethel, who came in at that moment, stood in the frankest admiration.

"Why, why, you pretty, pretty thing!" she cried. "You're too dear to call Sarah; I'm going to call you Sallie!"

And though she thought Sallie was worse than Sarah, and could not understand why it should be more fashionable than Sadie, so thoroughly had she got herself in hand that she

smiled and answered, a little shyly, it is true, but with real warmth:

"Call me anything you like, Ethel!" and they went down to lunch arm in arm.

Uncle Will had come up from town for the day, and she met him at the table; a quiet reserved man, with little resemblance to her father except when his rare smile reminded her of her father's frequent one. His clothes were like the pictures in tailor's plates, and his manner, as he handed John the cutlets, all that his little niece had ever imagined a great banker's should be.

The dining-room was beautiful; Aunt Grace, who took her sister's place at the head of the table—Sarah wondered where Aunt Harriet was luncheon—was kindness itself; Ethel lost any little tone of patronage she might have had, and Dicky spilled some milk in his lap, so absorbed was he in watching his new cousin's big dimple.

Uncle Will seemed much interested in her progress; and when he heard the program for the next week—an alternation of lessons all the morning; walks, rides, or gymnasium in the early afternoon; music or French later, with studying after supper—he pretended to be much shocked at such a dull round of work.

"And riding-school, too," he inquired, sympathetically, "and visiting the children's hospital and Once-a-week Household Economic classes, I'll wager. And a Girls' Friendly, to meet at the house, and dancing classes, and Emergency-or-How-to-Help-in-Cases-of-Accident lectures, too. Oh, yes, I know, I know; Ethel's just worn to a shadow with it, poor child! Not a minute to call her own or see her father in—not one! Could no more be spared, I suppose, to give up her fencing and come to the matinee with him and Sallie, and then have a little supper afterward, somewhere or other, than—"

"Oh, Papa! do you mean it? Is that why you're home?"

"Well, you see, I didn't want Miss Sallie to feel that life was dull down here, and so I cheerfully sacrificed the opportunity to make seven thousand eight hundred and ninety-five dollars, and came up to see what you thought of my scheme."

"I haven't been since we came back," declared Ethel, solemnly.

"Now you see what these New York girls want, Cousin Sallie," explained Uncle Will. "Take their families, take their clothes, take—take their chocolate nougat, but give

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## A DRUM AND BUGLE CONTEST

On Saturday, May 22, in the South Armory, Boston, the Massachusetts Bugle and Drum Corps gave a demonstration called "A Day in Camp." Scouts from all over the State took part in this big affair and it was a thrilling sight to see so many Girl Scouts and all working together for the success of this event. Fourteen hundred girls took part and the smoothness with which the entertainment moved along showed the careful planning by the committee, the attention showed to every detail and work put into each separate event by those that trained the Scouts and the faithfulness of the Scouts themselves.

The Play was arranged by Mr. Frederic L. Reynolds and was put on by him. The story—involved the activities of a gala day in Camp Massachusetts, the official camp for the Girl Scouts from all over the State, located on Cape Cod, and the time is Mid-summer, 1920. The numerous events and scenes in chronological order—began with the first rays of the morning sun, when you heard First Call sounded and continued through a busy day of Girl Scout activities until the last note of Taps died away. Everything was done and acted as nearly as possible in regulation Girl Scout manner and the whole entertainment was most interesting and inspiring.

The most thrilling part of the afternoon's program was the demonstration given by the Massachusetts State Bugle and Drum Corps and the competitions between different corps and individual buglers and drummers.

Mrs. Arthur W. Hartt, Deputy Commissioner of the Massachusetts Girl Scouts, gave a Banner to the best Bugle and Drum Corps in the State and a Cup to the best individual bugler and one to the best individual drummer.

Preliminary trials were held in the morning, three Corps being selected for the final competition, which was held during the performance in the afternoon. Five buglers were chosen and five drummers to enter the finals for the individual Bugling and Drumming Contests. The Corps chosen for the final contest were the Girls' Latin School Corps, the Reading Corps and the Brookline Corps. The Reading Corps won the Banner and will hold it for one year, when it will be competed for again.

In the individual contests Scout Florence Berlin of the Girls' Latin School, Boston, won the Cup in the Bugling Contest and Scout Eliza-

beth Neal of Brookline for drumming. Mrs. Hartt, besides the individual cups given to these girls, has presented to State Headquarters two large cups on which the names of these girls will be engraved. These cups will be on view at Headquarters and each year the names of the champions will be added to those already on the cups, a permanent record of the growth of the State Bugle and Drum Corps.

The judges for these competitions were: Mr. George L. Stone, Mr. Maurice Tushin, Mr. Donald A. Stuart, Bandmaster U. S. N., bugle instructor at Newport Training Station, Newport, R. I., Mr. Frank Warren, Mr. D. A. Ives.

The Demonstration given by the State Corps was most thrilling. The marching of the Corps was splendid and the playing most inspiring. This big event has created much interest and stirred up a great deal of enthusiasm and other Councils will undoubtedly have Corps to enter another year.

In addition to these demonstrations, there were many interesting events on the program—folk dances, drilling, setting-up exercises, a flag drill, maneuvers by a bicycle corps, some interesting tumbling tricks, tower building, the presentation of a Golden Eaglet and the presentation of cups and banner. The Scouts who took part in the affair and the several thousand spectators will remember for a long time the enthusiasm with which the whole demonstration went off and will carry back to their individual Troops and Councils the inspiration they could not help but get and which will do much for them in their work.

CAROLINE L. FREEMAN,

*Secretary, State Executive Committee of Bugle and Drum Corps.*

## CINCINNATI, OHIO

Cincinnati Girl Scouts are conducting a preparedness campaign to aid their feathered friends next winter. They are saving melon seeds to feed birds during the cold months.

Three prizes have been offered to the Scouts in Hamilton County who will save seeds of watermelons, muskmelons, sugar melons, cucumbers and squashes and agree to feed them to the birds during the winter.

Scouts must report through their captains the combined weight of all the seeds, which must be clean and dry before October 20th.

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them the matinee, or they perish!"

"It's only once a week," murmured Ethel, "and then only if I'm a model of 'purity, propriety, and precision!'"

And while she ate her lunch there faded slowly out from Cousin Sallie's mind the last vestige of these foolish air castles that had no deeper foundation than her own vague desires. In their place she found pleasant pictures of a life far busier and more restricted than she had guessed at; far narrower in its responsibility and importance than her conceited dream had allowed, but far better suited, she plainly saw, to her ignorance and her seventeen years. The pleasures, she realized, would be all the sweeter for her work to deserve them; the duties easy through her very lack of responsibility in assuming them. Aunt Grace would see to all that.

"Mamma is awfully pleased with you, Sallie," confided Ethel, late that night. "She says you have great possibilities; she says when Harriet comes back she'll give you a coming-out party together. Won't that be grand?"

"Aunt Harriet is too good to me," said Sallie, softly. "I don't deserve it. To do so much for just a country cousin; for that is all I am, you know."

"Oh, nonsense, you're not!" protested Ethel, warmly. "You're not a bit; at first we thought you were—a little—but now we don't at all. You're just one of us. I'm awfully glad you came!"

"You can't be so glad as I am!" said her cousin, simply, and she fell asleep, truly at home to-night.

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### A FARMERETTE PARTY

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The next day dawned clear and warm. After our duties, as water carrier, cook, or dishwasher, we went to pick asparagus in a nearby field and gathered such a crop that we all had a fine treat for dinner. In the afternoon the Troop hiked to town for some "goodies." In the evening the girls gave an impromptu entertainment which passed the evening only too quickly. "Jimmy" Rolff gave a very clever exhibition of shadow pictures. Betty Corbett gave us some Egyptian and "hula-hula" dancing. Mr. Bennett, the Boy Scout Master, treated us all to delicious bars of chocolate.

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Monday morning we again had a chance for some hiking. We discovered a hawk's nest nearby the camp. Our pictures of it, though unfortunately, were not very successful.

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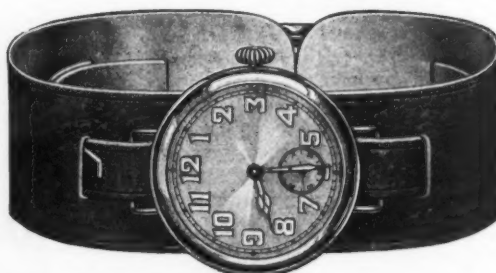
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